

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of personnel saved and untraced separately; and

(d) the efforts being made to recover the untraced persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No ITBP personnel were trapped in glacier in February, 92 near Uttarkashi. However, 3 ITBP personnel were trapped in glacier on 6.2.1992 near Bhapkund about 36 KMs from Tapovan in district Chamoli (UP).

(b) The following three personnel were trapped in the glacier:

1. Coy. Commander V.P.S. Tyagi
2. Constable Sukhdev Dobhal
3. Constable Satish Kumar

(c) While the dead body of Constable Sukhdev Dobhal was recovered and was cremated with full honours on 4.3.1992, Sarvashri V.P.S. Tyagi and Satish Kumar are still untraced.

(d) All out efforts are being made to recover the untraced persons for which rescue parties specialising in the job are engaged for digging and probing the complete area from the data of accident and rescue & search operation is still in progress. The Government of UP have also been requested to advise concerned Departments to keep watch over the movement of dead bodies in the river.

Bio-Control Plant

5785 DR. C. SIVAKUMARA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's first bio-control plant has been commissioned in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plant was set-up after extensive researches;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to set up a similar plant in Mizoram; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Two pilot plants for the commercial production of bio-control agents have been commissioned in Tamil Nadu one each at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and at Agriculture College and Research Institute, Madurai. The plants have a capacity to produce six different types of Bio-control agents to cover 20000 hectares of field crops per year.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Bio-control agents identified for mass production are those which have already shown control potential under field trials by the All India Coordinated Research Project on Biological Control of Crop Pests and Weeds, of Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(e) No, Sir.

(f). Question does not arise.

Welfare Schemes for Tribals in Tripura

5786. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to take effective measures to safeguard the democratic and economic interests and ensure social justice to the tribal minorities of Trapper; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tribal Sub-Plan Strategy will be continued during the Eighth Plan. The objectives of strategy are two-fold (i) socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes and (ii) protection of tribals against exploitation. The flow of funds for TSP is primarily from four sources i.e. (i) State Plan (ii) Special Central assistance (iii) Central Plan

and Centrally Sponsored Schemes and (iv) Institutional Finance. Schemes implemented under TSP are mainly family oriented income generating schemes in sectors like agriculture, horticulture, minor irrigation, animal husbandry, co-operation, tribal crafts and skills. Programmes of rural electrification, non-conventional sources of energy, development of village and small industries and construction of roads are also being undertaken. Other programs under TSP cover social services sectors like education, health and nutrition, sports and youth services and housing etc. Some parts of Special Central Assistance is also used for the development of infrastructure. The Ministry of Welfare under Centrally Sponsored Schemes is implementing various schemes through the State Governments like pre-matric and post-matric scholarships, girls hostels, boys hostels, Ashram Schools, book bank, coaching and allied schemes etc. The statement giving the details of money released by Ministry of welfare under Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the Seventh Plan, 1990-91 and 1991-92 to Tripura is laid on the Table of the House.